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For : VEHICLE CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD
Atty Docket : DON01 P-946

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.51, 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information listed on attached Forms PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with examination of the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication, or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

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The Gahan '690 patent, the Molyneux '960 patent, the Schierbeek '374 and '591 patents, the Lynam '014 patent, the Schofield et al. '023, '029, '094, '677, '897 and '962 patents, and the O'Farrell '109 patent are all commonly assigned with the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 09/227,344, be considered in the present application. With the exception of newly cited references U.S. Patent Nos. 5,760,962 and 6,097,023, and commonly assigned United States patent application Serial No. 09/599,979, attached hereto, copies of the cited art can be found in the parent application file, Serial No. 08/478,093.

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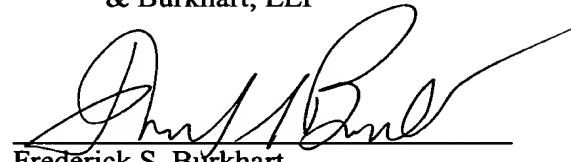
An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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